

CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A convertible vehicle (1) with a moving roof (3) having a flexible cover (5), in which the cover (5) is engaged underneath by at least one strap (9), following essentially the course of the roof when the roof (3) is closed, which is secured on support structure (7; 8) arranged across the roof (3),

characterized in that an end (9a) of the at least one strap (9) passes through a slit recess (10) of said support structure (7; 8) and is secured against pulling out from the slit recess by an end thickening (11) on the at least one strap (9),

characterized in that the slit recess (10) has a widening (13) on one end that receives the end thickening (11) for installation.

2. (Original) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1,

characterized in that the end thickening (11) is formed by a loop of the strap (9) stitched around and enclosing a piping.

3. (Currently amended) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1,

characterized in that said slit recess (10) is arranged in a front transverse support of said roof support structure, a so-called roof strut (7).

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently amended) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim [[4]]1,

characterized in that the widening (13) has an essentially round shape with a diameter only slightly greater than that of the end thickening (11).

6. (Previously presented) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1,

characterized in that a strap (9) is assigned to each side of the vehicle.

7. (Previously presented) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1,

characterized in that said at least one strap (9) is free of holes.

8. (Currently amended) A convertible vehicle (1) according to ~~one of the~~ the Claim 1,

characterized in that the front and rear strap ends (9a) are fastened the same way to different support structure (7, 8) of the roof (3).

9. (Previously presented) A moving roof (3) for a convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1.

10. (New) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 3,
characterized in that said front transverse support of said roof support structure is further defined as a roof strut (7).

11. (New) A roof (3) for a convertible vehicle (1) comprising:
a flexible cover (5);
at least one strap (9) engaging said flexible cover (5) with said at least one strap extending to an end (9a);

an end thickening (11) at said end (9a) of said at least one strap (9) with said end thickening (11) being thicker than said end (9a) of said at least one strap (9);

a roof strut (7) defining a slit recess (10) for receiving said end (9a) of said at least one strap (9); and

said roof strut (7) defining a widening (13) opening to said slit recess (10) with said widening (13) being wider than said slit recess (10) and wider than said end thickening (11) for receiving said end thickening (11).

12. (New) A roof (3) as set forth in claim 11 wherein said slit recess (10) is offset from said widening (13).

13. (New) A roof (3) as set forth in claim 11 wherein said at least one strap (9) and said end (9a) extend parallel to a direction of travel (F) and said at least one strap (9) and said slit recess (10) extend in an oblique direction relative to said direction of travel (F).

14. (New) A roof (3) as set forth in claim 13 wherein said oblique direction is further defined as being transverse to said direction of travel (F) but not perpendicular to said direction of travel (F).

15. (New) A roof (3) as set forth in claim 13 wherein said widening (13) is further defined as extending toward said direction of travel (F) and said slit recess is further defined as extending toward said pulling direction (12).